

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Applicant	:	Bernhard B. Sterling et al.
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Filed	:	January 21, 2002
For	:	REAGENT-LESS WHOLE-BLOOD GLUCOSE METER
Examiner	:	Roy Punnoose
Group Art Unit	:	2877

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

Enclosed is form PTO-1449 listing 6 references that are also enclosed.

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS							
EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE (IF APPROPRIATE)
	1	6,122,052	9/19/00	Barnes et al.			
	2	6,049,762	4/11/00	Ganz et al.			
	3	5,036,198	7/30/91	Spaeth			
	4	4,563,090	1/7/86	Witte			
	5	4,464,051	8/7/84	Talmadge et al.			
	6	4,342,516	8/3/82	Chamran et al.			

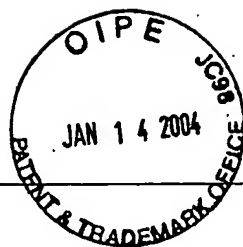
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Transmitted herewith for filing in the above-identified application are the following enclosures:

- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) Form PTO-1449 with 6 references.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

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FEE TYPE		FEE CODE	CALCULATION	TOTAL
Total Claims	51 - 51 =	2202 (\$9)	x 9 =	\$
Independent Claims	3 - 3 =	2201 (\$43)	x 43 =	\$
Multiple Claim		2203 (\$145)		\$
1 Month Extension		2251 (\$55)		\$
2 Month Extension		2252 (\$210)		\$
3 Month Extension		2253 (\$475)		\$
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			TOTAL FEE DUE	\$180

- (X) A check in the amount of \$180 is enclosed.
- (X) Return prepaid postcard.

The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

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